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12 October 1953

The Honorable Charles E. Wilson  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As a follow-up for the President's dinner for Henry Ford and D'Arcy Brophy in connection with the Crusade for Freedom and the Heritage Foundation, Messrs. Ford and Brophy are holding conferences at the Pentagon in Washington on October 20th and 21st with some 4 to 500 leading Americans from business, labor and civic groups.

Messrs. Ford and Brophy are most anxious that you should open the conferences either on the 20th or 21st at 2:30 P.M. and hope that Roger Kyes would open the meeting on the day not chosen by you.

I will see to it that a brief memorandum outlining the general purposes of the conferences is prepared if you so desire.

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Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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